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: M. Walicka

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: 1652

Applicant

: Paulus Quax et al.

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: Method and Construct for Inhibition of Cell Migration

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DECLARATION OF BRUCE S. LONDA

I, Bruce S. Londa, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am a U.S. citizen residing in Brooklyn, New York
- 2. I am a registered U.S. Patent Attorney, reg. no. 33,531
- I am personally responsible for prosecuting the above-referenced application, and make this declaration in support of the accompanying petition to withdraw holding of abandonment.
- 4. The official action dated March 8, 2002 was a restriction requirement. On March 14, 2002, the undersigned made a telephone call to the examiner, and responded to the election requirement via telephone.
- 5. A copy of the telephone bill, showing a call to the examiner's number on that date, is attached as Exhibit A.
- 6. Further, a handwritten note in the file of the undersigned, confirms that an election had been made via telephone. That note, written on the file copy of the action itself, is enclosed as Exhibit B. The note is dated March 15, 2002. The undersigned believes that either the date on the note was erroneously written as

that of the following day, or that the note itself was written on the following day. In either case, the note is clear contemporaneous evidence that a timely response was indeed made in this case.

7. For purposes of clarity, the note says:

"Responded by telephone
-elect species (I) (client's ltr of 12/3/01)
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8. During a status call with the examiner prior to the formal issuing of the Notice of Abandonment, the examiner indicated that she has no record of this telephonic response. Nevertheless, the evidence submitted herewith indicates rather clearly that a response was indeed made. As examiners routinely accept telephonic responses to election requirements, in order to speed prosecution, applicants must be able to rely on this means of response as being sufficient.

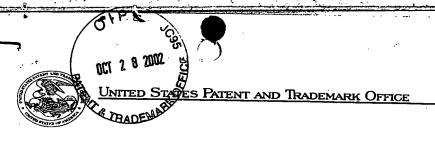
All statements made herein on knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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